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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In March 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Saekyu R. Kim** (MD00042435). He made statements to patients that demeaned, demoralized, and humiliated them. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Clark County

In March 2009 the Veterinary Board of Governors terminated conditions against the license of **Michael Loren Baker** (VT00006064).

Grant County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Kayelynn L. Joachims** (NA60066070) and placed conditions against her registration. She entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement for assault. She must comply with terms and conditions against her registration.

Grays Harbor County

In March 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Larry L. Kovachevich** (MD00025067). He accepted controlled substances from a patient, failed to document the prescription of controlled substances to a patient, asked the physician assistant to

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write prescriptions for controlled substances for him, and fell asleep multiple times during a patient encounter. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged applicant **Sarah L. Palmer** (NA00185336) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding her answer to a personal data question on the application, and provided misleading information on her application.

King County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Kevin P. Bernadt** (NA00182206).

In March 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Jessica L. Fisher** (D160057453) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of obstructing law enforcement, protection order violation, theft on more than one occasion, unlawful issuance of bank checks, malicious mischief, and reckless driving.

In March 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the reactivation application of **Carmen A. Foster** (MA00017577) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver – heroin. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Diane Hamilton** (RN00037670). She failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December the Licensed Mental Health Program reinstated the license of **Brent Potter** (LH00007704).

In January 2009 the Hypnotherapy Program denied the application of **Courtney A. Seard** (HP60026383). She was convicted of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance – marijuana.

Kitsap County

In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Anna C. Kennedy** (HC00156050) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Walter Moller** (RC00058476). His license to practice as a massage therapist in Washington was suspended.

Pacific County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Kimberly A. Pickering** (NA00202033, NC60009290). She was convicted of possession of methamphetamine.

Pierce County

In March 2009 following a formal hearing, the Medical Commission found physician **Doyle L. Brock** (MD00020691) didn't comply with a previous order. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Jill Elizabeth Haeckel** (NA60070058) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of reckless driving and entered a deferred prosecution agreement on other charges. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In March 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Kaila Kathleen Palmer** (MA60012873) and placed her license on probation for one year. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **John Russell Stahle** (NC60072157) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance – heroin, and failed to disclose the conviction on his application. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Spokane County

In March 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Cheryle Ram Hart** (MD00024480). This discipline was based on her surrendering her license to practice as a physician in Montana and having restrictions placed against her license to practice as a physician in Idaho. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her Washington license.

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Ricky Rorie** (RC60074029) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of two counts of forgery, unlawful imprisonment – domestic violence, assault – domestic violence, and assault. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Whatcom County

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed restrictions against the license of pharmacist **Dale M. Harts** (PH00042849). He was convicted of assault. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Yakima County

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Barbara A. Farnsworth** (RN00036434). She failed to adequately assess a patient when the patient showed signs of choking. Her license has expired and she agrees never to apply for a license in Washington or any state.

In March 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Marcie Ramirez** (D160035718) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of forgery and four counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Out of State

North Carolina: In March 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Eric F. Strother** (MD00036141). This discipline was based on his license to practice as a physician in North Carolina being restricted and conditions being placed against it. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license to practice in Washington.

Texas: In March 2009 the Medical Commission granted the application of physician **Ella Y. Bostanjian** (MD60039274) and placed conditions against her license. She has not practiced for an interval of time and the recent completion of one year of post graduate training in general surgery has not adequately refreshed her ability to practice family medicine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license to practice in Washington.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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